

Avoyelles Drinking Water Protection Committee Meeting September 18, 2003

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Introductions/Explanation of program for new members.
3. Reviewed visits to potential sources.
4. Discussion of handouts – waste oil brochures (discussed inserts to brochures), fact sheets, well plugging and abandonment, most threatening/prevalent potential sources of contamination in Avoyelles Parish. How to best get information out on irrigation wells was tabled until Ernest Freeman of the Extension Service can attend. Attaining information on paint recycling was requested.
5. Update on what was discussed about the Committee at the previous meeting of the Avoyelles Water Operators Group.
6. Reviewed the model drinking water protection ordinance that DEQ developed and discussed it briefly. The Committee decided to study the ordinances further, and discuss it and strategies for getting an ordinance passed at the next meeting. Some suggestions were given, such as tying drinking water ordinances in with local permitting and presenting it to planning commissions, town councils, and the police jury.
7. Discussion of a Committee slogan. Mr. Bordelon read a poem he wrote for the Committee, which follows on the next page.
8. Open discussion
 - a. General discussion on trying to integrate our activities more with other things going on in Avoyelles Parish, such as the development of the Strategic Plan, the Atchafalaya Basin Plan, etc. It was suggested that Representative Monica Walker be notified of our activities.
 - b. It was suggested that Mr. Bordelon's poem be put in the newspaper and in some of DEQ's material.
9. Date for next meeting set at 6:30, October 16, in Moreauville, at the Community Center.

Minutes by:
Jesse Means

Extremely Temporary Secretary

Our Drinking Water

**We all know the make up of water is H₂O
What's in water that kills is what we don't know!**

**We have an abundance of surface water in our state
And we know it's being polluted at a very fast rate.**

**Our ground water supply is what most of us use
Many contaminants' we must learn not to abuse
Keeping them from wellheads would be very good news.**

**Before you dump waste oil or chemicals on to our soils
Think where it will wind up and what will be the spoils.**

**Water is our most precious of all our natural resources.
Please join us in protecting our drinking water sources.**

**By: Ray Bordelon
9/17/2003**